

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Treasurer, Auditors, Selectmen,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HENNIKER,

FOR THE

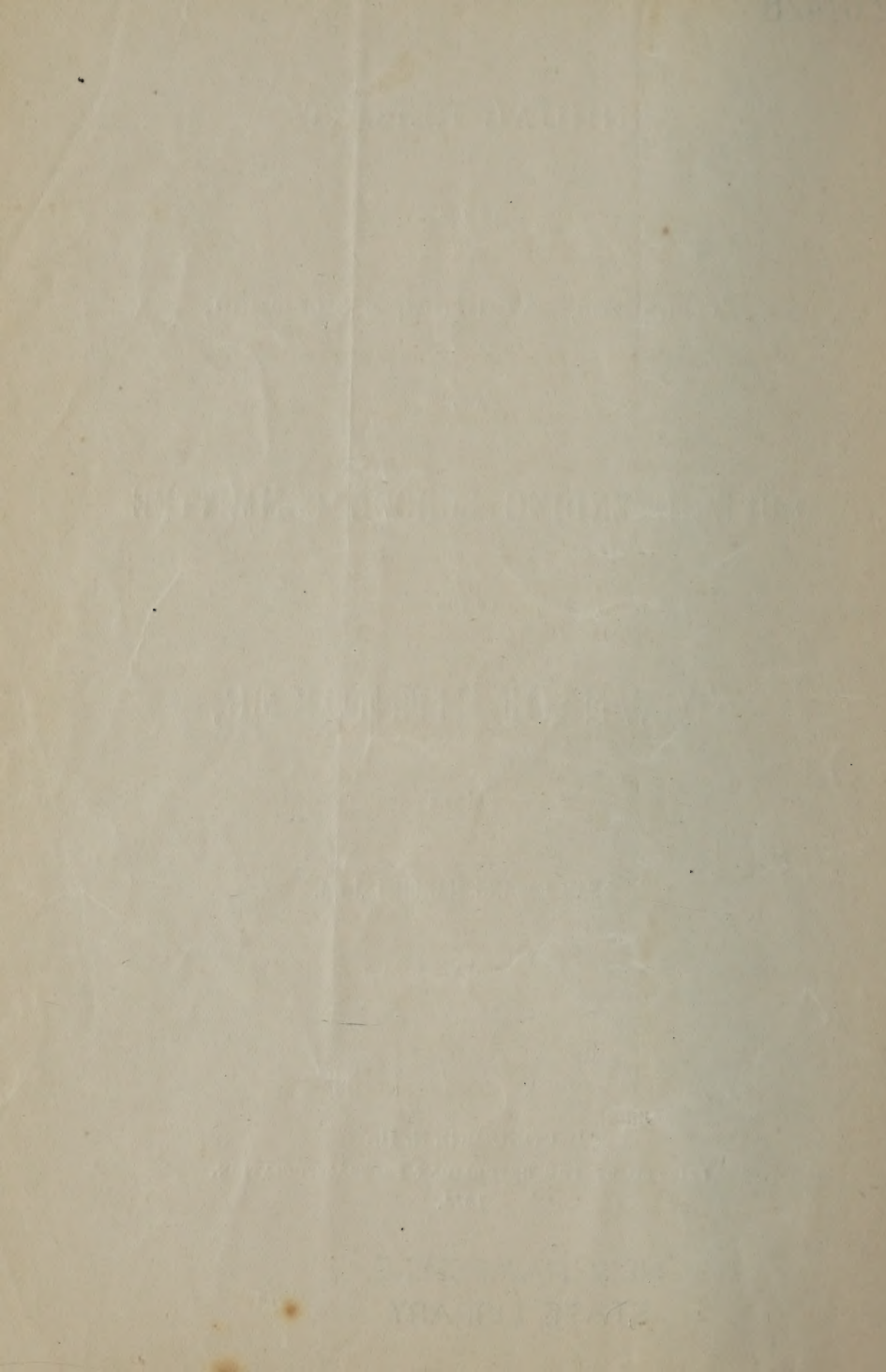
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REPORT.

William E. Cogswell in account with the town of Henniker, as
treasurer, for A. D. 1873. Dr.

To cash, notes, and bonds remaining in the hands of the treasurer for 1872,	\$11,451.79
Received of state treasurer, savings bank tax,	1,870.17
railroad tax,	302.55
literary fund,	116.85
interest on bonds,	239.29
Merrimack county, for support of paupers,	117.77
J. Foster, amount of taxes,	9,318.31
interest on taxes,	23.81
School district No. 8, for land,	50.00
	\$23,490.62

William E. Cogswell, as treasurer aforesaid,	Cr.
Paid—	
Oliver H. Noyes, for bridge plank and stringers,	\$2.51
Joshua Sanborn, balance of school-house tax in school district No. 6, for 1872,	49.56
Morrill & Silsby, for books and stationery,	3.60
D. S. N. P. Cate, for board of Mrs. H. Livingston and two children, five weeks,	25.00
Franklin Goss, for breaking roads in 1871-72,	2.00
Freeman E. Colby, for cash advanced for stationery,	6.80
Republican Press Association, for printing reports,	34.00
L. W. Peabody, for certificates of births and deaths,	8.25
G. H. Hackett, “	2.00
E. R. Morse, balance between safes,	275.00
C. V. R. R., freight on safes,	30.40
Jonathan W. Dodge, for breaking roads in 1872-73,	17.55
Thomas L. Chase, “	44.62
Seth A. Morse, “	86.13
Ichabod F. Connor, “	41.17
Alexander W. Connor, “	35.87
Thomas E. Colby, “	22.40

Paid—			
James H. Dowling, for breaking roads in 1872-73,			\$25.61
Henry N. Hoyt,	"		26.11
Harlow B. Campbell,	"		12.51
John Chase,	"		36.02
George McAlpine,	"		43.03
Micajah Peaslee,	"		60.88
Daniel J. Cailiff,	"		12.91
George M. Poor,	"		17.25
John F. Perry,	"		30.93
Norman Matthews,	"		37.07
Moody Tucker,	"		53.53
Samuel W. Carter,	"		24.14
George H. Farmer,	"		20.46
Edward B. Whitman,	"		65.56
James M. Colby,	"		14.86
James B. Brown,	"		43.13
Benjamin F. Kimball,	"		34.36
John W. Jameson,	"		35.40
Jackson P. Dow,	"		18.72
A. D. L. F. Connor,	"		20.88
Ezra Chase,	"		31.43
Henry W. Blaisdell,	"		5.22
David K. Robbins,	"		8.28
Lewis P. Hanson,	"		20.86
Francis Hills,	"		26.58
Andrew D. Favour,	"		17.73
Harrison A. Rice,	"		40.29
Phineas Clough,			27.82
Horace O. Chase,			14.52
Ransom T. Dodge,			4.68
Van R. Paige,			25.49
Nathan Sawyer,			21.55
Emily A. Dow, for support of water-trough in 1872,			1.50
T. Livingston, for support of water-trough in 1872,			
and snowing bridge in 1872 and 1873,			7.67
Eldad Marsh, for support of water-trough in 1872 and			
1873,			2.00
William P. Cressey,	"	"	1873,
Asa P. Wiggin,	"	"	"
Frederick Martin,	"	"	"
Alexander Caldwell,	"	"	"
George E. Barnes,	"	"	"
George H. Farmer, for repairing highway in 1872,			3.00

Paid—

John Brady, for detention in small pox case,	\$28.00
Andrew D. Favour, for assistance rendered J. Brady,	4.84
G. W. Cook, visit in small pox case,	3.00
F. E. Colby, for cash advanced to Dr. Gage for services in small pox case,	20.00
F. E. Colby, for labor and cash advanced for labor on highways and bridges,	20.71
F. E. Colby, for time and expense to Concord for counsel,	5.85
B. W. Sanborn, for General Statutes and Town Officer,	7.00
Horace Childs, for stone posts and gate for burial-ground near A. D. L. F. Connor's,	13.00
Charles A. Bean, for railing Johnson bridge,	15.00
Charles A. Bean, for repairing Johnson and Ring bridges,	3.00
William H. Smith, for building bridge near J. C. Ray's,	77.00
Z. W. Brooks, bonds and interest,	14.30
Minot & Co., county tax,	1,553.21
Ichabod F. Connor, for repairing bridge near Wells Davis's, and cutting bushes in highway,	10.50
C. E. Goodwin, for repairing road and bridges,	5.00
A. D. Favour, for damage on highway near G. D. Gould's tannery,	10.00
John Colby, for railing bridge near his house,	4.00
Freeman E. Colby, for paint, oil, and labor on town house,	249.26
J. S. Craig, for expense of selectmen and aid to strangers,	8.00
Lewis Childs, for over taxation and labor on highway,	4.20
Wesley Felch, for over taxation,	2.94
Lewis P. Hanson, " "	14.70
S. K. Paige, for over taxation in 1871,	13.10
Jenny Wood, note and interest,	631.90
Mary E. Campbell, " "	110.83
Mary L. Davis, " "	204.55
Wells Davis, " "	132.51
Emeline Colby, " "	32.92
Elijah B. Huntington, " "	170.04
Emeline Colby, bond and interest,	107.50
W. D. Harwood, for repairing bridge and bars for burial-ground near his house,	2.50
L. W. Peabody, for attendance in small pox case,	10.00
" one visit to Amos Ray,	.50
State treasurer, state tax,	2,802.00

Paid—

Harris W. Campbell, for abatement of taxes for 1871, of F. T. Rogers, \$2.55; Alonzo Paige, 1.55; A. Ranger, 2.55; J. M. Paige, 1.37; F. D. Thorpe, 2.55; Horace Page, 2.55; Lemuel Hardy, 2.28; Charles Centre, 2.55; Willard Colby, 4.65; James Straw, trustee for Willard Colby, 4.25; C. G. McAlpine, trustee for Willard Colby, 1.70; heirs of Thomas Cheney, 5.46,	\$34.01
Ebenezer Hemphill, for clothes furnished F. Livingston,	15.00
Lavinia Smith, for board of William Smith, Levi Connor, and Amos Ray, town paupers,	612.00
Lavinia Smith, for board of M. B. Whitman from Dec. 11, 1873, to March 1, 1874,	22.00
Interest on bonds,	792.00
J. L. Garland, school money due Dist. No. 1, for 1872,	119.00
J. L. Garland, prudential committee for Dist. No. 1,	171.41
T. B. Adams and A. W. Bowers, " 2,	90.42
N. Matthews, " 3,	99.57
J. M. Colby, " 4,	141.37
W. F. Barrett, " 5,	180.41
S. B. Heath, " 6,	126.51
A. P. Wiggin, " 7,	153.46
H. B. Campbell, " 8,	153.46
J. B. Brown, " 10,	132.50
James Wilkins, " 11,	288.16
Ezra Chase, " 12,	99.56
G. H. Dodge, " 13,	99.56
John M. Paige, his proportion of school money,	2.99
Walter Felch, " "	11.97
A. W. Bowers and S. A. Morse, building committee for school district No. 2, tax in part,	59.00
Harris Campbell and John Gutterson, building committee for school district No. 8, tax in part,	610.00
H. W. Campbell, for grave clothes,	3.75
Abram Colburn, for damage on highway,	2.00
E. G. Clark, for damage done to plow on highway,	2.00
E. W. Rice, " "	1.00
Jeremiah Foster, for abatement of P. E. Carter's school-house tax, in district No. 6, for 1872,	.59
Daniel M. Buxton, for repairing highway,	7.75
F. E. Colby, for recording taxes and work on highway,	6.88
Jeremiah Foster, for abatement of the taxes for 1872 of C. H. Bell, \$1.35; Betsey Patch, 2.70; P. E. Carter, 1.35; James Straw, trustee, 3.08; C. G. McAlpine, trustee, 1.35,	9.83

Paid—

H. Morrill, for cloth furnished for paupers,	\$6.00
“ for moving safes,	5.00
“ for moving plank and labor on highway,	7.66
“ for assistance rendered strangers,	9.00
“ for aid rendered Betsey Bell,	9.50
James Wilkins, for coffin for Amos Ray,	8.00
“ for repairing F. T. Huntington's plow broken on highway,	2.00
“ for cash advanced to W. Colby for cutting timber,	1.25
“ for stringers for J. C. Ray, bridge,	2.00
“ for shingles and shingling hearse-house,	6.50
“ for digging grave for A. Ray,	3.00
“ for sickness and funeral expenses of P. Colby,	13.24
“ for assisting strangers,	7.75
L. W. Peabody, for attendance on county paupers,	38.75
G. H. Hackett, for attendance on county paupers,	8.00
Mrs. Horace Paige, for nursing Mr. Chase, a county pauper,	13.28
G. W. Rice, for cash advanced to W. Colby for work on road,	1.00
W. E. Cogswell, for recording births, marriages, and deaths,	12.50
W. E. Cogswell, for services as town clerk,	25.00
“ “ treasurer,	20.00
Harrison Morrill, for services as selectman,	56.00
“ for time and expense on pauper cases,	21.00
“ for stationery and postage,	1.69
Freeman E. Colby, for services as selectman,	50.00
James Wilkins, for services as selectman,	54.00
G. H. Hackett, for medical attendance on Nelson Hurd, from Feb. 6 to Feb. 28, 1874,	10.00
J. Foster, non-resident highway tax receipts,	17.33
discount on taxes,	61.73
for abatement of taxes for 1873, of Moses C. Bacon, \$1.47; Sherman E. Cleavland, 1.47; Edward B. Clement, 1.47; Horatio Esta- brooks, 1.47; Benjamin F. Leeds, 1.47; C. A. Prescott, 1.47; Emerson & Hoyt, 14.70,	23.52
J. Foster, services as collector,	75.00
L. W. Peabody, services as S. S. Committee,	50.00
John Muzzey, for expenses of town officers,	11.00

Paid—	
Horace Gibson, services as auditor,	\$2.00
John Gage, “	2.00
Sam. K. Paige, “	2.00
By cash, \$4,048.76; by bonds, \$4,600; by notes, \$857, remaining in the hands of the treasurer,	9,505.76
	<hr/> \$23,590.62

Statement of funds arising from assessments on dogs.

Amount remaining in my hands, March, 1873,	\$52.00
of assessments for 1873,	100.00
	<hr/> \$152.00
Cr.	
Less orders to be drawn by Franklin Goss, for sheep killed,	\$7.00
Less orders to be drawn by F. P. Plumer, for sheep killed,	3.00
Less orders to be drawn by G. D. Tucker, for sheep killed,	5.00
	<hr/> \$15.00

Balance to be divided among school districts, \$137.00.

We hereby certify that we have examined the several items of receipts and expenditures embraced in the foregoing report of the treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

SAM. K. PAIGE,
HORACE GIBSON,
JOHN GAGE,

Henniker, N. H., Feb. 28, 1874.

Auditing Committee.

FINANCES OF THE TOWN.

Due on notes outstanding against the town,	\$595.78
bonds,	13,905.00
Due school district No. 2,	196.21
“ “—8,	20.76
Estimated bills outstanding against the town, exclu- sive of breaking roads,	75.00
	<hr/> \$14,792.75
Cr.	
By cash, notes, and bonds remaining in hands of treasurer,	\$9,505.76
	<hr/> \$5,286.99
Amount of debt,	

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Time, which waits for no one, has brought us once more to the season when it is my duty to report the progress and condition of our public schools. I am happy in being able to say that our schools have been, for the most part, successful. Nothing has occurred to cause unpleasantness in any of the districts. Nearly all our teachers are those who have had experience, and mostly in our own schools, and who were brought up among us, so that we know them to be good and true.

The scholars have evinced a commendable disposition to improve their time, with few exceptions.

A kind Father, who superintends all things, has lovingly ordered that no virulent epidemic should prevail among the children to a great extent, and death has been permitted to invade but few households.

I am glad to be able to report that some of the districts have very materially improved their school-houses. In No. 2, the district has put its house in good repair, lengthened the posts, underpinned it, and procured more modern seats and desks.

I must congratulate district No. 8 in its ability to build a fine structure for its school. It is one of the best arranged and finest proportioned buildings, for the purpose that I have seen, and it reflects honor upon the architect, the building committee, and the whole district; and I hope the good example set by No. 8 will be imitated by more than one district the coming year.

Without good order and correct deportment on the part of the scholars, no school can be profitable for the pupils, or pleas-

ant for the teacher. But the teacher is not always wholly responsible for the lack of order. As long as parents will listen to the complaints of their children, and sympathize with them, and even justify them in their non-compliance with the reasonable requirements of the teacher, we must look for and expect a low standard of discipline.

I would respectfully call the attention of the inhabitants of Henniker to the law passed June session, 1870, making provision for the abolition of the district system. Perhaps the time has not come for its adoption by us, but there are good arguments in favor of such an arrangement. To enable all the inhabitants of the town to become familiar with the provisions of the law, I will herewith give a copy, so that, if they are called upon to act upon it, they can do so understandingly. I cannot refrain from expressing my thanks to the inhabitants of the town, to the teachers, and to the scholars, for their uniform kindness and respect shown me in my official capacity during the past two years, in which I have had charge of the schools.

AN ACT ENABLING TOWNS TO ABOLISH SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN CERTAIN CASES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. Any town may at any time abolish the school districts therein, and shall thereupon forthwith take possession of all the school-houses, land, apparatus, and other property owned and used for school purposes, which such districts might lawfully sell or convey. The property so taken shall be appraised under direction of the town, and at the next annual assessment thereafter a tax shall be levied upon the whole town equal to the amount of the whole appraisal, and then shall be remitted to the taxpayers of each district the said appraised value of its property then taken; or the difference in the value of the property of the several districts may be adjusted in any other manner agreed upon by the parties in interest.

SEC. 2. When any town which has been divided into school

districts shall have abolished them, the said town shall then be considered as one district, and shall have all the powers and liabilities of the same.

SEC. 3. Such towns shall, at their annual town-meeting in March, elect a board of education, consisting of not less than three persons, who shall have and exercise all the powers and duties of superintending and prudential committees of towns.

SEC. 4. Should any town neglect to choose such "board of education," the selectmen shall, on or before the twentieth day of April ensuing, appoint them.

SEC. 5. The corporate powers and liabilities of any school district shall continue and remain for the purpose of receiving and disposing of the money paid for its property by the town, paying its debts, concluding any suit at law, or in equity, in which such district may be a party, collecting any debts due such district, and disposing of the proceeds thereof, and holding and enjoying the income of any money or property held in trust by virtue of any gift, devise, or bequest, for the benefit of such district, for the same purpose and in the same manner as before, according to the terms thereof.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force only in such towns as, by vote at a legal meeting, shall adopt its provisions.

SEC. 7. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved July 2, 1870.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Miss Lottie M. Newton has been employed in this school during the year—three terms. Miss Newton has had much experience, and is one of our most successful teachers. She loves her work, and consequently she has been able, by great perseverance and industry, to accomplish much. This school has made very good improvement the past year. Order, good.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Both terms taught by Miss Sarah M. Chase, of Weare. This was Miss Chase's first effort in teaching. The school is small and rather backward; but the scholars made very fair progress in their studies. Owing to sickness in the neighborhood, the attendance was somewhat irregular during the winter term.

DISTRICT No. 3.

First term taught by Miss Linda M. Bohonan, of Hopkinton. There are some superior scholars in this school, and the progress made by all was creditable not only to the pupils, but to the teacher.

Second term was taught by Miss Jennette Clark, who is an old teacher, and her reputation always goes before her. She succeeded finely in this school; and the final examination showed faithfulness on the part of the teacher, and industry on the part of the scholars.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Both terms taught by Miss Ella D. Thorpe. This is one of our most forward schools. Miss Thorpe brought with her some experience, superior attainments in all the branches of study usually taught in our schools, and a tact for governing and for imparting knowledge to her pupils. Consequently both terms have been successful. A new school-house is needed to make this school complete in all its parts.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Three terms. The first and third were taught by Miss Elvira J. Buckman, who succeeded, as she always does, in gaining the respect of her pupils, and in advancing them well in their studies.

The second term was taught by Miss Nettie M. Peabody, who has always had good success as a teacher; and the progress made by the scholars showed an interest and great industry on their part. This is one of our best schools.

DISTRICT No. 6.

First term—Miss Nellie S. McAlpine, teacher. Miss McAlpine has had considerable experience as a teacher, with good success. Sickness interrupted the school at the end of the first two

weeks, but it recommenced the 1st of August, and the term was as successful as could be expected under the circumstances.

The second term was taught by Miss Emma N. Gutterson, of Lynn, Mass., who brought a well-earned reputation, which she gained in No. 8 the two previous terms; and I am happy to say she succeeded finely. She is a good disciplinarian and a thorough teacher.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Both terms taught by Miss May Fox, who is one of our best teachers. I take pleasure in commending Miss Fox's manner in teaching reading,—a branch of learning very much neglected or badly taught in some of our schools. This school has made commendable improvement during the year. But I am sorry to say that the school-house is in a sad condition,—by far the worst in town.

DISTRICT No. 8.

First and second terms were taught by Miss Emma N. Gutterson. This school has had a bad name, but Miss Gutterson succeeded in winning the love and respect of her pupils; and at the close of the second term, I found the school in the new house, and the progress they had made was truly wonderful.

Third term—Miss Minerva Patten, teacher who continued the good work begun by Miss Gutterson; and, at the closing examination I found this one of the best appearing schools in town. Miss Patten is one of our most successful teachers.

DISTRICT No. 10.

First term was taught by Miss Anna H. Eastman, of South Weare. Miss Eastman is a fine scholar, and has had some experience in teaching. She did not succeed in inspiring her pupils with so much enthusiasm as is common for this school, but on the whole they made very fair progress in their studies.

Second and third terms were taught by Miss Clara A. James, of Derry. This is the most advanced school in town. Some of

the pupils are far advanced in the studies usually taught in our academies. Miss James has had a large experience, and is a very energetic teacher, and she succeeded finely in advancing her pupils in their studies. It always gives me great pleasure in visiting this school, and especially so in all my visits during the past year.

DISTRICT No. 11.

First term taught by Miss Serena P. Whitney, an old teacher, and one who has been very successful. There was a slight insubordination at the first of the term on the part of a few scholars, but it was soon subdued, and the term was as successful as could have been expected under the circumstances. There are so many small scholars here that it requires a great deal of patience and decision on the part of the teacher to preserve order. If this school could be graded, so as to put the small scholars under the care of one teacher and the larger ones under another, it would be much more profitable for both classes.

Second term, by Mr. William E. Walker, a graduate of our State Normal School, and now under appointment as teacher in that institution. He has a superior talent for imparting knowledge to his pupils. I was especially interested in his method of exercising them in mental arithmetic, and also in rhetorical exercises. The order was not as good as was desirable.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Both terms taught by Miss Elvira J. Buckman, which fact is sufficient guaranty that everything went right. Both terms were short, but the pupils made commendable progress.

DISTRICT No. 13.

First term—Miss Sarah E. Connor, teacher, who succeeded well in obtaining the good-will of her pupils, and in advancing them in their studies. The school was very small.

Second term was taught by Miss Abbie F. Straw. She has had a large experience, and, with her tact for teaching, she did good service; and the progress made by all the scholars was very gratifying.



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STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Number of Term.	Prudential Committees.	Teachers.					
				Length of school in weeks.	Whole number of scholars.	Average attendance.	No. children between 4 and 14 not attending school.	Wages of teachers per month.
								No. of visits by citizens and others.
1	First.	John L. Garland.	Lottie M. Newton.	8	28	23	24	18
	Second.		Lottie M. Newton.	8	28	23	24	24
	Third.		Lottie M. Newton.	12	25	21	32	30
2	First.	Thomas B. Adams.	Sarah M. Chase.	6	8	6	4	17
		Albert Bowers.						
	Second.	Seth A. Morse.	Sarah M. Chase.	9	11	7	24	4
3	First.	N. Mathews.	Linda M. Bohonan.	8	9	8	1	20
	Second.		Jennette Clark.	15	15	13	24	14
4	First.	James M. Colby.	Ella D. Thorpe.	8	15	13	4	20
	Second.		Ella D. Thorpe.	13	22	16	1	27
5	First.	Wm. F. Barrett.	Elvira J. Buckman.	8	30	27	28	16
	Second.		Nettie M. Peabody.	6	37	30	26	21
	Third.		Elvira J. Buckman.	7	35	27	36	15
6	First.	Samuel B. Heath.	Nellie S. McAlpine.	7	16	9	20	24
	Second.		Emma N. Gutterson.	9	17	13	30	22
7	First.	A. P. Wiggin.	May Fox.	9	13	11	6	22
	Second.		May Fox.	12	19	17	2	28
8	First.	Harlow B. Campbell.	Emma N. Gutterson.	8	27	20	24	16
	Second.		Emma N. Gutterson.	7	25	20	24	14
	Third.		Minerva Patten.	9	24	21	32	40
10	First.	James B. Brown.	Anna H. Eastman.	7	22	26	2	24
	Second.		Clara A. James.	8	32	30	1	28
	Third.		Clara A. James.	6	29	26	2	32
11	First.	James Wilkins.	Serena P. Whitney.	8	49	42	5	33
	Second.		William E. Walker.	11	50	41	11	58
12	First.	Ezra Chase.	Elvira J. Buckman.	8	15	12	26	19
	Second.		Elvira J. Buckman.	6	11	9	2	26
13	First.	George H. Dodge.	Sarah E. Connor.	8	10	8	19	7
	Second.		Abbie F. Straw.	9	9	8	24	12

LEONARD W. PEABODY,

School Committee of Henniker.